carrying out violent activities by using high fidelity (hi-fi) technique in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to strengthen armed forces to tackle this situation; and

(d) if so, the annual expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available inputs, instances have come to notice to indicate that terrorists have been resorting to use of Radio Frequency Initiated Improvised Explosive devices for causing casualties on security forces. Suitable corrective steps have been initiated to tackle such techniques by terrorists.

Persons imprisoned without trials

1707. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons continue to be in custody for long years without any case or trial against them; if so, the number of such persons in custody in different States/UTs, for over three years; and

(b) whether a man has been set free from custody in Assam after 54 years of custody on January 9, 2006 with the intervention of the Supreme Court and granted relief of Rs. 3 lakhs besides pension of Rs. 1000/-per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Broadly, there are two categories of prisoners in jails *viz.* The convicted prisoners and the undertrial prisoners. The undertrial prisoners include all such prisoners who are remanded to judicial custody under orders of a competent Court pending investigation as well as those in whose cases the trial has begun. 'Prisons' being a State subject, the segregated figures of different categories of prisoners are maintained by the respective State Governments and are not available

centrally. However, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) collects data from State Governments and UT Administrations and compiles the figures of undertrial prisoners at the end of each year. A Statement indicating the number of undertrial prisoners kept in jails for over three years, state-wise, at the end of years 2002,2003 and 2004 prepared on the basis of data collected by NCRB is annexed. *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir. Shri Machang Lalung @ Machal Lalung, a mentally ill undertrial prisoner of Guwahati Central jail was transferred to the Tezpur Mental Hospital on 14.4.1951. Following the intervention of National Human Rights Commission, Shri Lalung was brought back to Guwahati Central jail and released on PR bond of Rupee one on 1.7.2005. The Supreme Court has registered a case for the prolonged detention and instituted an inquiry for fixing the responsibility in this regard. The Government of Assam decided to pay a sum of Rs. 3.00 lakhs as Rehabilitation Grant to Shri Lalung. The Supreme Court has while taking note of the State Government's aforesaid decision also passed an order on 9.1.2006 directing the State Government to pay a monthly sum of Rs. 1000 until further orders. Government of Assam has reported that the Rehabilitation Grant of Rs. 3.00 lakhs has since been paid and the monthly payment of Rs. 1000/- is also being made to Shri Lalung.

Statement

Number of undertrials in Jail above 3 years at the end of 2002, 2003 and 2004

SI.N. States/UT	2002	2003	2004
	Above 3 years	Above 3 years	Above 3 years
1 2	3	4	5
1. Andhra Pradesh	25	3	10
2. Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3. Assam	57	60	66
4. Bihar	1325	1654	1671
5. Chhattisgarh	22	21	110
6. Goa	8	5	7
7. Gujarat	104	181	271
8. Haryana	81	79	165

1 2	3	4	5
9. Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10. Jammu & Kashmir	145	645	175
11. Jharkhand	830	564	368
12. Karnataka	313	268	266
13. Kerala	0	0	0
14. Madhya Pradesh	150	91	133
15. Maharashtra	166	164	171
16. Manipur	8	14	16
17. Meghalaya	29	40	47
18. Mizoram	48	0	0
19. Nagaland	17	12	10
20. Orissa	326	31	228
21. Punjab	0	362	800
22. Rajasthan	140	72	81
23. Sikkim	0	0	0
24. Tamil Nadu	51	72	233
25. Tripura	1	5	6
26. Uttar Pradesh	1410	1247	NA
27. Uttaranchal	5	40	136
28. West Bengal	156	58	382
Total(States)	5417	5688	5352
29. A&N Islands	1	0	0
30. Chandigarh	29	36	30
31. D&N Haveli	0	0	0
32. Daman & Diu	0	0	0
33. Delhi	359	579	735
34. Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35. Pondicherry	0	0	0
Total (UTs)	389	615	765
Total (All-India)	5806	6303	6117

NOTE: * No Jails in the State of Arunachal Pradesh NA
Stands for data no available Figures for the year 2004
are provisional